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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND ARTICLE OF  
MANUFACTURE FOR  
COMPONENT BASED  
INFORMATION LINKING  
DURING CLAIM PROCESSING**

Examiner: S. Rimell

Group Art Unit No.: 2175

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

**FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS**

No.	Date	Country	Name
WO 95/03569	February 2, 1995	WPO	Lawlor
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**UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATIONS**

No.	Date	Name
5,881,230	March 9, 1999	Christensen et al.

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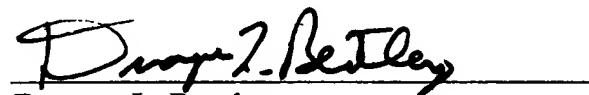
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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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